



HM King commends Interior Minister meeting with Muharraq residents

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Foreign Minister, Oil Minister attend UAE Permanent Mission to UN reception

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Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Bin Daina, Minister of Oil and Environment and Special Envoy for Climate Affairs, attended a reception hosted by the Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations, on the sidelines of the 80th UN General Assembly in New York.

The event was held under the patronage of HH Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan, UAE Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Pakistani PM appeals for India talks, hails Trump

United Nations, United States

Pakistan's leader said yesterday he was ready for talks with India and hailed the role of US President Donald Trump, who has been peeved by New Delhi's reticence on his diplomacy.

"Pakistan stands ready for a composite, comprehensive and result-oriented dialogue with India on all outstanding issues. South Asia requires proactive rather than provocative leadership," Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said in his speech to the UN General Assembly.

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UN links 158 companies to Israeli settlements

● First update to the list after 2023

● Firms from 11 countries listed

● UN rights chief Volker Turk has condemned as a war crime Israel's policy of settlements on Palestinian territory in the occupied West Bank

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After a long delay, the United Nations has finally published an updated list of companies operating in Israeli settlements in Palestinian territories.

UN rights chief Volker Turk

According to the UN, 158 firms from 11 countries are now operating in these areas, with Israeli companies holding a major share. Despite a requirement for the database to be updated annually, it had only been revised once before, in 2023, when the 112 firms from the original list were reviewed. Friday's release marks the first update to include new names.

The UN rights office report called on companies to "take appropriate action to address the adverse human rights impacts" of their activities. It emphasized: "Where business enterprises identify that they have caused or contributed to adverse human rights impacts, they should provide for or cooperate in remediation through appropriate processes."

Israel denounced the report as "a document with no legal ground and far beyond the scope of the OHCHR".

UN rights chief Volker Turk condemned Israel's settlement policy in the occupied West Bank as a war crime.

Mostly Israeli firms

The list was first produced by the UN human rights office in 2020 amid harsh Israeli criticism. The UN rights office was asked to list companies found to be taking part in any of 10 specific activities, including construction, surveillance, demolitions and destruction of agricultural land in Israeli settlements in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem.

It has stressed that listing companies in the database was "not, and does not purport to be, a judicial or quasi-judicial process".

"A total of 68 new companies were added to the list published in 2023, while seven of those... were removed as they were no longer involved in any of the activities concerned," the rights office said.



A Palestinian man rush a wounded girl into the al-Awda Hospital

Major firms that remained on the updated UN database include Airbnb, Booking.com, Motorola Solutions, and TripAdvisor, while others, such as Alstom and Opodo, were removed. The non-exhaustive database shows that most companies are based in Israel, with others located in Canada, China, France, Germany, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

Netanyahu mocks Western support for Abbas in defiant UN address

Vows to "finish the job" against Hamas

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Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu vowed yesterday in an angry UN address to block a Palestinian state, accusing European leaders of pushing his country into "national suicide" and rewarding Hamas.

Netanyahu, in a defiant speech he said was partially broadcast on Israeli military loudspeakers in Gaza, vowed to "finish the job" against Hamas even as President Donald Trump said he thought he had sealed a deal on a ceasefire.

Days after France, Britain and other Western powers recognized a state of Palestine, Netanyahu said that they had



The United Nations General Assembly at UN headquarters

sent "a very clear message that murdering Jews pays off."

"Israel will not allow you to shove a t*****t state down our throats," Netanyahu said.

"We will not commit national suicide because you don't have the guts to face down the hostile media and antisemitic mobs demanding Israel's blood," he said. Netanyahu -- who has opposed a Palestinian state for

decades -- mocked Western support for Abbas and called the Palestinian Authority "corrupt to the core."

Hamas says walkouts show Israel 'isolation'

Hamas said a mass walkout of delegations before Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's speech at the United Nations yesterday showed Israel's

"isolation" as a result of the Gaza war. "Boycotting Netanyahu's speech is one manifestation of Israel's isolation and the consequences of the war of extermination," Taher al-Nunu, the media adviser to the head of Hamas's political bureau, said in a statement.

As Netanyahu walked up to the General Assembly rostrum, a number of delegations walked out -- in a deliberate protest as the Israeli premier was the day's first speaker.

Trump, normally a staunch ally of Netanyahu, has warned against annexation as he pitches a peace plan on Gaza that would include the disarmament of Hamas.

Iran sanctions look set to return after last-ditch UN vote

United Nations, United States

Sweeping UN sanctions look likely to return on Iran despite a last-ditch effort on Friday by China and Russia to secure a delay to allow further talks, diplomats say.

European powers were urging Iran to reverse a series of steps it took after Israel and the United States bombed its nuclear sites in June. Complaining that Iran has not complied with a landmark but moribund deal, the Europeans have triggered a return of sweeping UN sanctions -- notably on its banking and oil sectors -- that are set to take effect at the end of Saturday.

UK to launch digital ID scheme to curb illegal migration

London, United Kingdom

UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer yesterday announced plans for a new nationwide digital ID in a bid to curb illegal migration.

The new digital ID will be held on people's phones and there will be no requirement for individuals to carry or be asked to produce it, the government said.

Bahrain wins ICAO Council President certificate for excellence in civil aviation security

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The Kingdom of Bahrain has been awarded the ICAO Council President Certificate, one of the most prestigious international distinctions in civil aviation, in recognition of its progress in advancing aviation safety and security.

Husain Ahmed Al Shuail, Undersecretary for Civil Aviation Affairs at the Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications, received the award during the opening session of the 42nd Assembly of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in Canada.

